Aboriginal groups will confront world leaders at the G20 about the ongoing issue of indigenous deaths in custody.

Activist Sam Watson has told AAP the G20 Leaders’ Summit in Brisbane in November is the perfect time to highlight the continuing persecution of Aboriginal people as it coincides with the 10-year anniversary of the death of Mulrunji Doomadgee on the floor of the Palm Island watchhouse.

“Let this fact, in 2014, there is not a single police officer who has been found guilty of any criminal offence for Aboriginal deaths in custody,” he said.

November is also the anniversary of the death of 18-year-old Aboriginal dancer Daniel Yock soon after he was arrested by police at South Brisbane in 1993. Police were also cleared of any wrongdoing in that matter. Both cases sparked outcry among the Aboriginal community, with claims they were being unfairly targeted and treated because of their race.

Mr Watson says it was time those in power are held accountable. Indigenous deaths in custody was a national issue, and that people were planning to travel from all over the country to join the protest on the sidelines of the G20.
The 12th to the 16th of November will see Brisbane playing host to the G20 Summit.

These are desperate and critical times for us as First Nations people. The 40th Anniversary of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy represented a coming together of several generations of Aboriginal activists with non-Aboriginal solidarity.

Suppression of stories and native dialogue, omissions from Australian history in regards to indigenous histories, destruction of sacred places where dialogue happens.

Sense of place: something you feel, roots to home. Find mob: family, culture, language, home is earth, spirit. Powerful.

Walk in footprint of family, property rights, sovereignty.

Break the silence, circumvent the media, public debate, give back nationhood, justice then reconciliation, historical treaties, right to self-determination.

Show support, bypass gatekeepers, collective power.

No right to feel helpless, seek new channels for communication.

Truth about past, frontier war memorial.

Conscious listening creates understanding.

Media and government propaganda sees Aboriginal people blamed for their situation.

Rottnest Island concentration camp, marketed as luxurious spa.

Australia: United Nations shame after failing to eradicate trachoma and otitis media.

‘Cultural sensitivity training’ replaces dialogue and common understanding between two cultures.

Suppression of black deaths in custody, falsified media allegations feed myths.

Recognition that these problems cannot be solved by Australian government, international intervention is needed.

How can we design dialogue that will work? What will dialogue look like in the future?

It is time for us to come together as a network of strong Aboriginal nations sharing ideas, perspectives and solutions to the myriad of struggles we face under colonisation.

There has been a failure in dialogue since the First Fleet landed on the shores of native Australian land. The threat to colonial identity has impaired the Aboriginal voice and dialogue has only ever been a monologue.

The Pope tells leaders of Israel and Palestine to respond to their people’s yearning for ‘undaunted dialogue’.

Isn’t it time we called for that too?

The Brisbane Aboriginal Sovereign Embassy will be boycotting the G20 Summit, which will be taking place on Musgrave Park. The Brisbane Aboriginal Sovereign Embassy is the only organisation that is calling for that.

Decolonisation is a priority for all Australians and provides a chance for all with life on the land to build a new society based on Aboriginal culture and values. A society built by social love and environmental sustainability, not one built on greed and discrimination.

Musgrave Park has been declared a zone for peaceful protest during the G20 Summit. People are required, Musgrave is home to the Kalperum J갈긴 people and is a place of Aboriginal significance. It has been a significant meeting place and a First Nations cultural site for thousands of years.

We, the Brisbane Aboriginal Sovereign Embassy, encourage cooperation from the general community, activist groups, unions and elsewhere. We aspire to develop a united community front which fully recognises the need to decolonise.

Our life expectancy is only 45 years, deaths in custody have almost doubled since the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, the stolen generations continue with almost 14000 of our children in out of home care, youth suicide rates are at an all time high, and the land that was won back during the land rights movement is being taken again by government.

Leaders from the world’s richest economies will be meeting on Jaggera country. Australia is among the 20, taking its place as one of the most economically rich countries in the world while the living conditions and quality of life for its First Nations people rank among the lowest in the world.